

GEN. DE WET FIGHTS A PITCHED BATTLE.

Tries New Invasion of Cape Colony and Is Headed Off by British.

De Wet again attempting an invasion of Cape Colony.—LORD KITCHENER'S DISPATCH TO DAY.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Despite the far-reaching aspect of the city and the arrival of kings and potentates Englishmen forgot domestic affairs for a moment to-day on the publication of the news that Gen. De Wet, the famous Boer chief, had been located again by the British.

His indefatigable pursuer, Gen. Knox, who has spared neither man nor beast, whose trail is marked by dead and dying horses and bullocks, had at last brought the great guerrilla to bay forty miles north of Thaba N'chu, and Boer and British were in fierce battle.

Thaba N'chu is only twenty-two miles from Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State, so that the fighting is going on about eighty miles from that town, and in a district considered to have been "pacified" by Kitchener, whose cablegram to the War Office gave the first news of the combat.

It appears that De Wet, after fighting rear guard actions with Gen. Knox at most continually for weeks and leading him away from the Cape Colony border so that a Boer force could invade the sedition districts and stir up rebellion, suddenly doubled and headed for the border himself with a force of burghers estimated at from 3,000 to 5,000 men, with at least eight guns.

"Knox, who has never been far behind De Wet, perceived the manoeuvre and placed his force between the Boers and Ladybrand on the Basuto border line and the centre of one of the most fertile districts in the Orange State. Thus, when De Wet pushed southeast he found himself confronted by the British.

HEROIC FIRE RESCUES; TWO WOMEN GO TO DEATH

Fine Work of Firemen and Policemen in Hotel Jefferson—Son Blaze.

Wild panic and death followed the discovery of fire at 10:10 o'clock this morning in the Hotel Jefferson, at 105-107 East Fifteenth street.

That scores of the guests in the big apartment-house were not killed by tarowing themselves from their windows into the street is due to the coolness, bravery and speed with which firemen and police carried on the work of rescue.

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DEAD, INJURED AND SAVED IN HOTEL FIRE.

THE DEAD.
DOWNING, ELEANOR, trained nurse, of 252 West Fifty-fourth street, fell from sixth floor while being rescued.
FAY, KATIE, servant, burned to death in the top floor.

THE INJURED.
FULLER, J. EDWIN, feet and arms badly burned.
KALLAGHER, JOHN, porter, right arm badly burned.
KATZ, Mrs. EMMA, taken from fire-escape on second floor by sliding down rope fire-escape.
WALSH, JOHN P., fifty years old, contractor, right knee fractured and body bruised.

THE RESCUED.
ANDERSON, S. P. G., of Philadelphia, carried from third floor by firemen.
CARPENTER, Mr. and Mrs. John E. (proprietors) taken from sixth floor by firemen's ladders.
CORWIN, Mrs. C. B., taken from fifth-floor window.
FULLER, EDWIN J. W., taken from fourth-floor window.
GILDERHUSE, JOE, WILLIAM, attaché Supreme Court of New Mexico, taken from fourth floor, rear window.
HERRING, GEORGE, 19 First street, led by police from first floor.
HUBBARD, Mr. and Mrs. MARY, carried from fourth floor by police.
KATZ, Mrs. EMMA, taken from fire-escape on second floor.
MARSHALL, EDWARD, war correspondent, taken across plank to Steinway Warehouse.
MASON, Mr. and Mrs. E. WALDO, swung by rope from sixth-story window to guests in Union Square Hotel.
REYNOLDS, LIZZIE, taken down fire ladder from seventh-story window.
ROGERS, Mr. and Mrs. T. P., of Wilmington, Del., escaped down fire ladders to fourth floor.
HOWELL, HENRY P., Chicago, carried from second floor by police.
SHIPMAN, Mr. and Mrs. T. D., carried from fifth floor.
STREATOR, Mrs. E. H., let down from sixth-story window by a rope.
TAVENIA, LUIS, Portuguese consul-general to New York; led from fourth floor by firemen.
UPDEGRAVE, Miss MARY, seventeen years old, an invalid, carried through flames to safety by her uncle, Edwin J. Fuller.
VOETZ, WILLIAM H., New Haven, Conn., swung from third-story window by a rope.
WOODBRIDGE, Mr. and Mrs. J., taken by ladders from sixth floor.
WALSH, JOHN P., carried from third floor over plank to Steinway Warehouse.
WELLS, A. N., of Boston, taken from third-floor fire-escape.

RATS START FIRE IN RICHELIEU.

125 Guests Rush Frantically About the Corridors.

While the scenes of horror were being enacted at the Hotel Jefferson this morning a small blaze at the Hotel Richelieu, One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue, was doing its best to create similar conditions there.

At 4:30 o'clock Night Clerk William Hodge saw smoke coming from an air shaft. He rang the automatic alarm and then awakened the 125 guests of the place, which is a family hotel. A panic ensued, men, women and children rushing up and down the corridors in a manner that threatened disaster.

Fortunately, the firemen arrived just then and staying up the situation herded the guests in a back room while they extinguished the flames in the front part of the building, where the fire was confined.

Rats had gnawed matches in a closet in the barroom; the flames spread to the hanging ceiling, and before they were out damage to the extent of \$5,000 had been done.

HEROIC RESCUE AT JERSEY FIRE.

Fireman Sacrificed Eyesight to Save Workman.

Stephen Davies, a member of Engine Company No. 1, was the hero of the fire which completely destroyed the Jersey City Wood factory this afternoon. At the risk of his life he rescued from the third floor of the burning building Jacob Schmidt, a workman who had been overcome by smoke.

When it was learned that Schmidt was still in the burning building the flames had reached the second floor and sheets of fire were spouting out of the windows.

A ladder was run up to the third story and Davies clambered up. He had to pass through the sheets of flame and smoke.

He found Schmidt unconscious on the floor. He threw the man over his shoulder and then made his way slowly down the ladder. Again he had to go through that dreadful baptism of fire, but he reached the ground in safety and then fainted. He was badly burned about the face and hands, and he will probably lose the sight of one of his eyes.

The fire started in the engine room at 1:30 o'clock. The flames spread rapidly and in a twinkling the structure, a three-story brick building, was ablaze. In all there were 100 men in the building and their escape was cut off by the flames.

They were compelled to leap from the windows to a shed one story below. All escaped without injury. Other damage was completely destroyed. The damage will exceed \$75,000.

REFUGEE BOYS TOO BAD.

Don't Hill Prohibits Their Transference to Elmira.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Incorrigibles are not to be sent to Elmira Reformatory in the future, unless convicted of a felony, if a bill introduced by Senator Stewart to-day becomes a law. The bill provides that where delinquents confined in the State Industrial School at Rochester or the House of Refuge on Randall's Island are guilty of a gross or habitual form of conduct, they may be transferred to the Reformatory, but not unless they are over sixteen years of age when originally committed and such correction is for a felony.

The bill was introduced at the suggestion of President Burgess, of the Elmira Reformatory. In a letter to Senator Stewart President Burgess stated that the delinquents sent to the Reformatory from the House of Refuge and the Rochester School are in many cases worse than those confined for felony there. The officers cannot promise them parole for good conduct, as they are under the term sentence. In consequence the reform virtues of the institution are lost to avail.

MURDERER BRIENZI GUILTY.

Slayer of Policeman Baumeister Will Get Life Imprisonment.

Frank Brienzi, who shot and killed Policeman William Baumeister, of the One Hundred and Fourth street station, on Nov. 2, was convicted of murder in the second degree before Judge Baumeister in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court this afternoon. He was remanded until tomorrow for sentence. He will get life imprisonment.

Brienzi, charged with another Italian on the night of the murder, and finally threw a knife at him. He was pursued by a mob of Italians, which Policeman Baumeister joined at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and First avenue. The policeman overpowered the driving Italian and the latter turned and fired, killing the pursuer instantly.

R. A. C. C. First Ladies' Day.
The Ladies' Athletic Club will hold its first meeting. A match game of water polo will be played between the Cherry Diamond club and the team representing the Y.M.C.A. A 100-yard race between J. Miller, A. Goodwin and J. Ruddy, faces will be held. A. G. Stewart, L. A. Moffat, the instructor, will illustrate the various methods of swimming and a match race between J. A. Morgan and H. Tucker. The make-up of the water polo team is the same as last year. It is: J. A. Morgan, J. W. Van Cleave, J. H. Reed, G. H. Hensley, G. Ross and Harry A. King.

ROOSEVELT TO FIGHT.

Long Island Residents Oppose Mine Near Their Homes.

Vice-President Roosevelt and his neighbors about Oyster Bay and other places near by have organized the Northern Shore Improvement Association for the purpose of fighting all who attempt to destroy the beauty of the scenery about their homes.

First Hockey in Brooklyn.
A league championship game of hockey will be played by the Hockey Club of New York and the Brooklyn Skating Club at the Clermont Avenue Skating rink, Brooklyn, tonight. The Brooklyn rink is now one of the fastest in the league, and the Hockey Club men will have a hard fight to hold their own. The game should prove one of the liveliest of the season, as the teams are evenly matched in speed and cleverness.

WIFE ADMITS A HUSBAND'S SUIT.

Charges in a Divorce Case.

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CROKER'S PICTURE GONE.

Roosevelt's Takes Its Place in the District Attorney's Office.

When Col. Roosevelt was District Attorney he had a picture gallery of Tammany brawling in his office in the Criminal Court Building. Richard Croker's picture occupied the most prominent place. With the advent of District Attorney Philbin the picture of Croker and the other braves disappeared. Yesterday a photograph of Col. Roosevelt was in the place made vacant by the removal of Mr. Croker's picture.

To Cure the Grip in Two Days.
Lazative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.

ANOTHER HALT FOR POLICE BILL.

Republicans Failed in Attempt to Rush It Through Assembly.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, Jan. 30.—The Republican majority in the Assembly began the jamming-through process on the single-headed police bill to-day without losing a moment's time. Hardly had the opening prayer concluded before Speaker Nixon handed the bill down to Clerk Baxter with a flourish.

The bill will read hurriedly, and in a twinkling Assemblyman Otto Kelsey, who is working overtime for Majority Leader Aldis during the latter's absence, moved the immediate consideration of the bill. The evident purpose was to slip the bill up a notch near final passage.

Assemblyman McKown, of Kines, was more alert than Minority Leader Friese. He jumped to his feet and shouted several times, "I object—I object," until Speaker Nixon was forced to recognize him. The objection blocked the progress of the bill and it went to the Chief Committee.

There it will remain, with "nothing doing" until at least next Tuesday, by which time Majority Leader Aldis is expected to return.

ANGEL FOR WHITE WINGS.

Assemblyman Adler Puts in a Bill to Protect Street-Cleaners.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Assemblyman Adler today introduced a Street-Cleaning Department bill for New York City prohibiting the leaving of an assessment for political purposes upon any of the employees of the Street-Cleaning Department, and also to prohibit them from joining any political club or association intended to affect legislation for or on behalf of the Street-Cleaning Department.

Sweetshop Law Amended.
ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Senator Willard has introduced a bill amending the tenement house manufacturing law, by providing that articles being required shall be under inspection as well as newly made articles.

FATH CURERS STORM ALBANY.

Hearing on Anti-Christian Science Bill Draws Throng of Women.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Christian Science advocates, mostly well and fashionably dressed women, assembled here this afternoon to attack the bill of Assemblyman Bell to punish for a misdemeanor any person other than a duly registered physician who shall recommend or advise the use of any remedy for disease.

Added to the throng of Christian Scientists were many druggists, pharmacists and proprietary medicine men, who claimed that the bill's provisions had been made so sweeping that if passed it would become a misdemeanor for any druggist or other citizen to prescribe or print or written word or orally any remedy for a trifling ailment.

Assemblyman Bell agreed to amend his bill so that it shall not affect doctors, patent medicine dealers and druggists.

TO AMEND TAX-LISTING BILL.

Statements of Individual Assets Will Not Be Required.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—The Tax-Listing bill, which has caused such a storm of disapproval, is to be amended. Assemblyman Sanford W. Smith has prepared a number of amendments which he believes will overcome objections.

One of them is to relieve persons from making a detailed statement of each individual asset. That is, if a person owned a number of bonds of various banks, he would simply classify them in one statement as "railroad bonds."

LABOR BUREAU BILL PASSED.

Senate Indorses Gov. Odell's Idea by Unanimous Vote.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—The Senate has passed the Labor Bureau Department consolidation bill suggested by Gov. Odell. There was not a dissenting vote. This measure does away with the Board of Arbitration.

LOVING CUP FOR MORGAN.

It Was Given by the New York Yacht Club.

Ex-Commander J. Pierpont Morgan, of the New York Yacht Club, was presented with a loving cup by members of the club last evening in the new clubhouse at No. 7 West Forty-fourth street. The cup was to mark the appreciation of Mr. Morgan's gift of \$50,000 to purchase the site of the club's new home.

Several hundred members were present at the presentation of the cup, which took place during a banquet. Nicholas Kane, Chairman of the Regatta Committee, made the speech extolling Mr. Morgan's generosity. Mr. Morgan's health was drunk standing and all present cheered.

In replying Mr. Morgan seemed to feel deeply the gratitude of the members. He disclaimed any particular generosity and said that what he had done to further the interest of the club was but natural in any member who had his welfare at heart. He then touched upon the many notable achievements of the club, saying that the club's history was closely associated with all that was most creditable in the deeds of American sailors.

YANKEE YACHTS AT ALGIERS.

Drexel and Hannan Steamers on the Way to the Mediterranean.

ALGIERS, Jan. 30.—Anthony J. Drexel's twin screw schooner-yacht, Margarita, has arrived here. Mr. Drexel's vessel is said to be the handsomest pleasure craft afloat, and she is attracting great attention here.

Another American yacht, J. H. Hannan's Taurus, touched here Jan. 28, and continued her journey to the Mediterranean on the following day. Mr. Hannan will cruise there for some months before returning to America.

SNOW HERE ON SCHEDULE TIME.

An Old-Fashioned Storm Promises to Cover the City.

Coincident with the announcement of the Weather Bureau that a snow storm would rage in New York to-day and tomorrow the snow actually began falling this forenoon.

It is a very general storm, the Weather Observer says, and extends over a wide area. It is expected to last, according to his predictions, until some time Thursday.

To-morrow it will turn much colder and the city may have a mantle of white air by evening. It will perhaps be necessary to get out snow ploughs, but the Observer is cautious about predicting the extent of the fall.

The storm was inaugurated with a temperature of 32 degrees Thursday. By an hour later it had gone up to 25 degrees.

"It will snow to-night," said the Observer as he watched the flakes eddying about the window-pane, "but it will cease during the day."

"To-night it will turn cold. There will be brisk easterly winds, becoming high tomorrow. It is a storm of the great city, and by to-morrow morning we will have four thousand men and three thousand women ready."

In cross-town streets, where heavily loaded wagons left the wharves and freight houses, the snow was swirling and slipping horses and fallen animals were constantly in evidence.

PAUPER INHERITS WEALTH.

Deaf-Mute Who Was Married Three Times Will Live in Comfort.

(Special to The Evening World.)
UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Aldis Boyce has left the County Jail a happy man. He is a deaf mute and was sent to the institution in 1890, accompanied by his wife, who remained there only a short time.

Boyce has now come into the possession of a fortune left by his sister, Anna Boyce, of Orange, Mass.

Of the property left by his sister Boyce has received \$200 and there seems to be enough more coming to keep him in comfort to the end of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have moved back to Dickinson Centre, their former home, and rented a house, where they will spend the rest of their days. Mr. Boyce has been married three times. His first wife was accidentally shot by his son, and a little later Mr. Boyce married again. His son and this wife eloped, and Boyce, settling a divorce, married his present wife.

SUNDAY BALL BILL OFFERED.

Measure at Albany to Permit Sabbath Games.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Assemblyman Hurlbarger, of New York, has introduced a bill amending the Penal Code so as to allow the playing of baseball on Sunday in this State.

MORE SALOON SMASHERS.

These W. C. T. U. Women Took Their Husbands as a Bodyguard.

ANTHONY, Kan., Jan. 30.—Twelve women of the W. C. T. U., armed with pickets, hatchets and hammer, today raided and completely demolished four saloons known as "Joins."

They marched quietly down the principal streets of the town, carrying axes and hatchets. Several of the women were accompanied by their husbands, who, however, took no part in the proceedings and acted only as a sort of bodyguard.

One woman, who opposed the women was badly beaten after his place was wrecked.